

I'm pleased to report that President Obama announced this week that his Administration will keep the Guantanamo Bay facilities used to hold captured foreign terrorist suspects open for the time being and resume their trials before military commissions off our shores rather than in U.S. civilian courts. The President had previously pledged to [transfer](#) the suspects to prison facilities in the United States, suspended the commissions, and signaled that he wanted to [try](#)

Khalid Sheikh Mohammad, the operational mastermind of the September 11 terrorist attacks, and other high-profile captured suspects in New York City. With my strong support, Congress has repeatedly [blocked](#) these actions.

While I welcome the President's reversal, it is important to point out that he remains committed in principle to bringing these captured suspects to the United States at some point in the future. This represents a grave threat to our national security and must not be allowed to happen. For this reason, I will continue to closely monitor this issue and oppose any potential Administration effort down the road that would bring these individuals to our soil and afford them with U.S. constitutional protections. Simply put, I believe it is essential that we treat captured foreign terrorists as military combatants rather than as criminals. We should not forget that they have committed acts of war against our nation or are otherwise considered too dangerous for release. They should be kept in the custody of the well-trained U.S. military—outside of our nation.